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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 November 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-15,17-29 and 31-39 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-15,17-29 and 31-39 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 09 August 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1, 5-8, 10, 13, 15, 19-22, 24, 27, 29 and 33-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lemons et al. (Lemons; US Patent 6,504,479) in view of Shere (US Patent 6,392,538) and further in view of Dillon et al. (Dillon; US Patent 6,658,463) and further in view of Sweatt (US Patent 6,696,942).

Regarding claim 1, Lemons discloses *Integrated Security System* that has the following claimed limitations:

The claimed detecting means for detecting the presence of an intruder in a predetermined area or a plurality of predetermined areas is met by the burglar alarm system (column 3, lines 1-8);

The claimed communicating means for communicating via communication signals from a subscriber location to a processing center the detection of the presence of the intruder in the predetermined area or in one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas is met by the system communicating alarm system information from the monitored area to the control center (column 2, lines 31-65);

The claimed receiving means to receive signals from the processing center at the subscriber location is met by the communications channel being able to send data to the monitored area (column 3, lines 9-23);

The claimed satellite signals received from the processing center carry data to activate a local alarm/warning system at the subscriber location is met by the control center sending commands able to control all aspects of the local alarm system at the monitored area (column 3, lines 33-41; column 4, lines 42-45; column 5, lines 15-25; column 8, lines 65-67).

However, Lemons does not specifically disclose the claimed satellite signals encode data alerting the processing center to the presence of said intruder in said predetermined area or said one or more of the plurality of predetermined areas. Shere discloses *Advanced Services Interactive Security System* that teaches a security system with bi-directional communications using satellites (column 3, lines 3-15). Modifying Lemons to utilize satellites for communication would increase the flexibility of the device by providing an alternate form of communication. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device disclosed by Lemons according to the teachings of Shere to utilize satellite communications to communicate from the control center to the monitored area.

Lemons and Shere disclose all of the claimed limitations except for the claimed security system wherein the communicating means comprises a satellite return channel. Dillon discloses *Satellite Multicast Performance Enhancing Multicast HTTP Proxy System And Method* that teaches using a satellite return channel to accomplish two-way

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communication in common satellite networks (col3 58-67). Utilizing a satellite return channel in the device of Lemons and Shere would accomplish the two-way communication needed by the communication link when the remote monitor and base stations communicate with each other. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device disclosed by Lemons and Shere according to the teachings of Dillon to use a satellite return channel to accomplish the two-way communication.

However, Lemons, Shere and Dillon do not specifically disclose the claimed disabling means operatively to (1) prevent reception of the satellite signals from the processing center at the subscriber location, or (2) modify the satellite signals from the processing center at the subscriber location. Sweatt discloses *Emergency Warning Network* that teaches a base station with multiple receiver being in satellite communication with the base station wherein the receivers are enabled to decode the satellite signals. Modifying Lemons, Shere and Dillon to decode satellite signals would allow the device to use increased security through the transmission of secured, encoded signals. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device disclosed by Lemons, Shere and Dillon according to the teachings of Sweatt to decode the received satellite signals.

One of ordinary skill in the art would have considered decoding of the satellite signals to be the same as modifying them because the signals would have to be changed from an encoded form to a decoded form in order to be processed.

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Regarding claim 5, the claimed security system wherein the detecting means comprises a detection apparatus interface is met by the burglar alarm system (column 3, lines 1-8).

Regarding claim 6, the claimed security system wherein the processing center comprises a provider antenna for transmitting and/or receiving satellite signals is met by the communications channel for communicating through satellites from the control center to the monitored area (Shere: column 3, lines 3-15). The communication link associated between the base station and remote monitors would inherently have an antenna to accomplish the satellite communications.

Regarding claim 7, the claimed security system wherein the predetermined area or plurality of predetermined areas is operatively associated with a subscriber antenna at a subscriber location is met by the burglar alarm system monitoring the monitored area (column 2, lines 31-63) having a communications channel through satellite communications (Shere: column 3, lines 3-15).

Regarding claim 8, Lemons discloses the use of a communications channel for the reporting of alarms from the burglar alarm system (column 2, lines 31-63) it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art that when an alarm condition is detected at a remote location being monitored that instantaneous reporting of that condition to the central control center would have been advantageous.

Regarding claim 10, the claimed security system wherein the detection of the intruder alters the frequency of the satellite signals is met by the reporting of alarms from the burglar system (column 2, lines 31-63). The frequency of the signals when an intrusion is not detected is zero because there are no signals being sent and when the intrusion is detected the frequency of the signals changes because a signal is then sent to the control center.

Regarding claim 13, the claimed security system further comprising processing means at the processing center for processing satellite signals encoding data alerting said processing center to the presence of the intruder in the predetermined area or plurality of predetermined areas is met by the control center receiving the reporting of alarms from the burglar alarm system through the communications channel (column 2, lines 31-63).

Regarding claim 15, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 1 stated above.

Regarding claim 19, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 5 stated above.

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Regarding claim 20, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 6 stated above.

Regarding claim 21, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 7 stated above.

Regarding claim 22, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 8 stated above.

Regarding claim 24, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 10 stated above.

Regarding claim 27, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 13 stated above.

Regarding claim 29, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 1 stated above.

Regarding claim 33, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 5 stated above.

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Regarding claim 34, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 6 stated above.

Regarding claim 35, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 7 stated above.

Regarding claim 36, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 1 stated above.

Regarding claim 37, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 6 stated above.

Regarding claim 38, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 1 stated above.

Regarding claim 39, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 1 stated above.

3. Claims 3, 4, 17, 18, 31 and 32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lemons in view of Shere in view of Dillon in view of Sweatt and further in view of Taylor (US Patent 6,643,510).

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Regarding claim 3, Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt disclose all of the claimed limitations except for the claimed security system wherein the satellite signals are transmitted at a DBS frequency. Taylor discloses *Mobile Platform Real Time Availability And Content Scheduling System And Method* that teaches a satellite communication link that operates on the DBS frequency (col7 10-19). Configuring the device of Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt to operate the communication link on a satellite frequency that is concurrent with the DBS frequency would be beneficial because the DBS frequency is a common frequency used by satellite systems. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device disclosed by Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt according to the teachings of Taylor to set up the satellite signals to operate in the DBS frequency range.

Regarding claim 4, Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt disclose all of the claimed limitations except for the claimed security system wherein the satellite signals are transmitted at a FSS frequency. Taylor teaches a satellite communication link that operates on the FSS frequency (col7 10-19). Configuring the device of Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt to operate the communication link on a satellite frequency that is concurrent with the FSS frequency would be beneficial because the FSS frequency is a common frequency used by satellite systems. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device disclosed by Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt according to the teachings of Taylor to set up the satellite signals to operate in the FSS frequency range.

Regarding claims 17 and 31, the claims are interpreted and rejected as claim 3 stated above.

Regarding claims 18 and 32, the claims are interpreted and rejected as claim 4 stated above.

4. Claims 9 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lemons in view of Shere in view of Dillon in view of Sweatt and further in view of Stadler (US Patent 6,764,261).

Regarding claim 9, Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt disclose all of the claimed limitations except for the claimed security system wherein the detection of the intruder interrupts the transmission of satellite signals. Stadler discloses *Locking Device And Method For Catch Basin And Manhole Covers, And The Like* that teaches a device that monitors for the occurrence of a specific security event and constantly sends out signals from the device to a remote location, upon the detection of the specific security event the device halts sending the signals so the remote location can determine that the event has occurred (col4 57-63). Altering the reporting mode of the device of Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt to constantly send signals to the base station until an intrusion is detected by the one or more object sensors would not only allow the device to detect the intrusion but it would also allow it to detect a fault in the system if a particular

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component failed in the communication link as that too would cause an event condition. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device disclosed by Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt according to the teachings of Stadler to alter the reporting mode so that detection of intrusion would stop the transmission of satellite signals.

Regarding claim 23, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 9 stated above.

5. Claims 11 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lemons in view of Shere in view of Dillon in view of Sweatt and further in view of Jang (US Patent 6,614,884).

Regarding claim 11, Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt disclose all of the claimed limitations except for the claimed security system wherein the frequency of the satellite signals corresponds to a predetermined security condition. Jang discloses *Automatic Home Alarm System And Method* that teaches a security system with a plurality of monitored areas, each monitored area has a sensor that is assigned a particular frequency when it reports to the signal-receiving unit (col4 33-47). Modifying the communication link of Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt to assign each monitored area a particular frequency would help the base station to determine which particular area is reporting an intrusion event. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary

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skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device disclosed by Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt according to the teachings of Jang to assign each particular monitored area a particular frequency.

Regarding claim 25, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 25 stated above.

6. Claims 12, 14, 26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lemons in view of Shere in view of Dillon in view of Sweatt and further in view of Dohrmann (US Patent 6,577,234).

Regarding claim 12, Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt disclose all of the claimed limitations except for the claimed security system further comprising selection means for selecting an active or inactive mode for the security system. Dohrmann discloses *Security System* that teaches a security system that has a selection means for arming and disarming the security system (col1 41-58). Adding a selection means to Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt to allow for the system to be turned active or inactive would add flexibility to the device and allow for the device to be turned off in particular areas that do not need to be monitored all of the time. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device disclosed by Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt according to the teachings of Dohrmann to include selection means to set the security system in an active or inactive mode.

Regarding claim 14, Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt disclose all of the claimed limitations except for the claimed security system further comprising means for providing local response to the detection of the intruder. Dohrmann teaches a local response to the triggering of the security system (col1 41-58). Adding a means for local response to Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt would allow for notification of the intrusion event to users who are within the vicinity of the remote monitored areas and allow them to react accordingly. Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the device disclosed by Lemons, Shere, Dillon and Sweatt according to the teachings of Dohrmann to include a local response in the security system.

Regarding claim 26, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 12 stated above.

Regarding claim 28, the claim is interpreted and rejected as claim 14 stated above.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to all pending claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TRAVIS R. HUNNINGS whose telephone number is (571)272-3118. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 am - 5:00 pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Benjamin C. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2963. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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